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## Education summit deemed productive

### Tuition increases can stop if students get involved

By SARAH WHITNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

It's hard for the modern student to get involved with issues concerning higher education.

"A student today, now more than ever, is working," said Adam Howell, Eastern's student speaker and student vice chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee.

Working takes up what little time students have between classes, and now because it takes longer than four years to graduate, the increasing tuition adds just that much more stress to a college student's life.

Tuition increases and state funding for higher education are related, and when tuition increases, students spend more time working to help offset the cost of higher education.

Not funding higher education is a hidden tax on the middle class, because as state support declines, universities are forced to raise tuition, said Rep. Chapin Rose.

The perception that the university will raise tuition regardless of parent and student outcries is a myth. There is a way to stop tuition increases, and it requires less than two hours per semester, Howell said.

"Demanding action doesn't have to be joining a lobby team, going to

By SARAH WHITNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A common concern has echoed throughout the Illinois Board of Higher Education summit: there isn't enough money.

"It's all a matter of revenue," said Rep. Richard Myers, R-Macomb.

More than 200 Illinois lawmakers, state government officials, business leaders and higher education leaders met Wednesday to discuss the future of higher education.

The summit consisted of five panel discussions that examined issues such as how well high school students are prepared for college, improving support for minorities, the income gap, state funding and why higher education is important.

Adjusted for inflation, tuition and fees have risen from 25 percent to 31 percent since the 1999 academic year at secondary public institutions, reported the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

Not adjusted for inflation, tuitions and fees have risen 59 percent for public universities since 1996.

Part of this is because state funding for higher education has not increased since fiscal year 2001.

Higher education has been hurt at the expense of K-12.

This is not because legislators don't care, but because of fiscal restraint, said Sen. Michael de Valle, D-Chicago.

Attending legislators encour-



SARAH WHITNEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Adam Howell, Eastern's student speaker and vice chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Student Advisory Committee, talks about students' take on higher education while Democratic Senator Michael de Valle listens.

aged higher education leaders to come forward with their concerns but realize that politicians have their own agendas.

"When you go to Springfield, don't pretend everything is rosy if it's not rosy," said Rep. Kevin McCarthy, D-Springfield.

Elliot Regenstein, governor's office director of education reform, said that nationally, higher education is not answering the question

of why the next dollar should be spent on higher education.

"(Higher education) has to be the ones to explain it to the people," he said.

Myers agreed.

"The legislature is not ones who need to be convinced," he said. "We know the value of higher education."

However, legislators have different priorities when trying to agree on

how that value should be defined in dollar amounts, Myers said.

President of Boeing Richard Stevens told higher education leaders that he is not looking to employ students with 4.0 GPAs and who know the textbook answers.

He told a story about how, in an interview, a student told him he just wanted a job and that he would

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COLIN McAULIFFE/DAILY EASTERN NEWS FILE PHOTO

Kyle Snyder, a senior elementary education major, fills out a Student Government senators ballot last November outside the Food Court of the MLK University Union.

## Election bylaws to be revamped

By DAVID THILL  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Speaker Adam Howell said he thinks Eastern's Student Government election bylaws are outdated and need to be "modernized."

In order to address the problem, Howell said he has assembled an elections commission review committee to look at current election bylaws and see what can be updated to better suit Eastern students.

Howell said every year for as long as he could remember there have been numerous positions required to hold student elections by the bylaws that weren't actually necessary.

"There are many complex and year-round positions that aren't really necessary," Howell said. "What we are doing is just trying to streamline that a bit."

One possible way to resolve that problem would be to cut down on positions, simplify positions and even change whom the people in those positions answer to.

By hiring individuals to positions com-

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ADAM HOWELL, STUDENT SPEAKER

pletely independent of the Student Government office, Howell said, the elections commission could cut down on any potential conflict of interest that may arise.

"As with any set of bylaws, they need to periodically be reviewed and that's the main focus here," Howell said.

One other problem Howell said he had with the current election bylaws was that many polling places and voting districts include buildings that no longer exist.

Howell said the bylaws have not been updated in nearly a decade and because of that, some references are made to buildings that no longer exist and some new buildings aren't included in the voting districts. Also, some buildings that are under con-

struction need to be taken into consideration, he said.

Along with reviewing and revising the bylaws, the elections commission is also responsible for advertising elections, Howell said. Student Senate has upcoming elections in December, and fall elections usually attract fewer voters than the spring elections, said Student Body President Ryan Berger in a previous article in *The Daily Eastern News*.

"I would like to see more people turning out," Howell said.

Student Senate Secretary Ashlei Birch, who is in charge of this year's elections commission, could not be reached for comment.



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**FRIDAY**  
**61**  
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**SATURDAY**  
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Partly Cloudy

**SUNDAY**  
**60**  
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Scattered T-storms

**MONDAY**  
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### CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Jazz Lab Band offers free concert

Eastern's Jazz Lab Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in the McAfee North Hall.

The free concert will feature big band music including Nelson Riddle's arrangement of "Stella by Starlight," and Billy Byer's arrangement of "All of Me," written by Count Basie.

The program will also include new arrangements of "Waltz for Debby," "Work Song" and "Caravan."

The 19-member ensemble is directed by Paul Johnston.

### Flu shot clinic moves to Health Service building

A flu shot clinic, which had been scheduled to be in the University Ballroom, has been moved to the Health Service building.

The clinic will be Nov. 17 and 18 during the service's normal working hours. Students can register and schedule an appointment online via the Health Service Web site.

### Theater professor to talk about Frankenstein director

Jerry Eisenhour, professor of theater

arts, will take a look at the career of James Whale, director of the 1931 Frankenstein with Boris Karloff, who made Frankenstein a household name.

This session will be held at 4 p.m. today in Booth Library 4440. It will include clips from Whale's most famous movies and commentary on how his film artistry grew and developed.

This lecture is offered as part of the Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature traveling exhibition on display at Booth Library until Nov. 22.

### CAMPUS ARTISTS



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern art teacher Robert Harvath lectures about his paintings on display for the Faculty Art Exhibit at the Tarble Arts Center, which is running through Nov. 27.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Interviews

11 a.m. | Screening committee interviews for general manager for WEIU FM/TV Paris Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

#### Faculty Development

1 p.m. | Workshop on using groups and academic games for learning and assessment Charleston-Mattoon Room, MLK Union

#### Video Conferencing

1 p.m. | Workshop on new technology McAfee, Room 1214

#### Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats

8 p.m. | Performance of award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance and theatrical technique. General public charge is \$5; Eastern staff, students, senior citizens and children under 12 are \$3. McAfee Gym

### ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers "What do you think expanding the Greek community with the fraternity Alpha Tau Omega?"

- A) It's good for campus to have as many Greek organizations as possible.
- B) Adding one more won't hurt.
- C) There are enough options already.
- D) It's all Greek to me.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

Adam Mason Brichler, 19, Aviston, was arrested Friday at 1:51 a.m. at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue in Charleston on the charge of driving under the influence.

Timothy Edward Russell, 21, Bolingbrook, was arrested at 3:18 a.m. Friday at the Andrews Hall parking lot on campus on the charge of driving under the influence.

Austin Robert Rosencrans, 19, Ottawa; Nickolas William Theme, 18, Ottawa; and Charles Stephen Novario, 18, Ottawa were arrested at 4:45 a.m. at 21 Ringenberg, University Court on the charge of residential burglary in connection to a burglary at Greek Court.

### COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

## Fraternity apologizes for black eye

BY EVAN THORNE

NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB — Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity has a decade-long tradition regarding the sororities at Northern Illinois University.

Every year, when the new sorority members receive and sign bids to pledge to respective chapters, they can count on being bombarded with water balloons. But this year, a sorority member got a black eye as a result of this tradition and reported the inci-

dent to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

Adam Neubauer, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, was summoned by Larry Bolles, director of the Judicial Affairs office, to write a formal apology to the sororities of NIU.

"This tradition isn't a serious thing at all," Neubauer said. "But a girl got angry and reported it to Dr. Bolles. The injury encompasses all the reasons for our apology. Hopefully she reads the letter and is able to accept our apology."

Because this tradition is long-stand-

ing, sororities know what to expect and many warn new members about it.

"I kind of expected something like that to happen," said Madeline Sirmbardis, sophomore English major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. "I just took it as it was. I wasn't angry."

Michele Ramirez, a freshman communication major and fellow Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority member, said the new pledges were warned about the tradition.

### WTF?

## Polygraph offered in toilet lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — A man who sued Home Depot claiming a prank left him glued to a toilet seat in a bathroom said Tuesday he's willing to take a lie detector test to dispel any doubts about his story.

Bob Dougherty sued the home-improvement chain last month, alleging employees at a Louisville, Colo., store ignored his pleas for help after he got stuck on a restroom toilet seat in October 2003.

The Rocky Mountain News reported Dougherty made similar

allegations in his hometown of Nederland. Colorado Bureau of Investigation records show Dougherty pleaded guilty to filing a false police report in 1976, something Dougherty said he did not remember, KUSA-TV in Denver reported.



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## Nadler informs Student Senate about 2006 e-mail requirement

By DAVID THILL  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Daniel Nadler, vice president for student affairs, was among the quartet of audience members to address Student Senate at its meeting Wednesday night, giving the senate its highest audience participation of the year.

Student Body President Ryan Berger said he was pleased to see so many people involved in the meeting.

"Audience participation is a great time," Berger said after the meeting. "It lets students know we are working with them. It definitely makes our job easier."

Nadler spoke to the senate concerning a proposed internal governing policy that would require all Eastern students to use their Eastern e-mail accounts effective Jan. 2, 2006.

"As technology increases, it provides a lot of opportunities," Nadler said. "But it also presents many challenges as well."

Nadler said with the increase of technology, many students are coming to Eastern and using cell phones with out-of-town and state numbers as opposed to local numbers, Nadler said.

Students are also using personal e-mail addresses instead of the e-mail accounts issued by the university, which makes informing students more difficult, Nadler said.

Also at the meeting, Berger spoke about the Dec. 5-6 student government elections. Polling places will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Carman and Coleman halls, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the Student Recreation Center, Berger said.

Berger also gave senate an update of 7th Street Underground renovations.

"I am still waiting on the (construction) numbers to come back," Berger said. "I am very excit-



DAVID THILL/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Daniel Nadler, vice president for student affairs, speaks to Student Senate at its meeting Wednesday night concerning a proposed policy that would require all student to use their university e-mail addresses.**

ed to see the number and see some progress. It's so sad to see so much potential in an area and no one using it."

Keila Lacy, student vice president for student affairs, said she is assembling an Registered Student Organization investigation commission to look into RSO funding at Eastern.

"I want the research to be done by the student body," Lacy said. "I think that will make it more diverse. I want them to understand the legwork, and I think this will give students an idea of what Student Government does on a daily basis."

## THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT YEAR

*Residents continue to adjust to anti-virus system*

By SARA RANNELLS  
STAFF REPORTER

Students say they have mixed reviews of the new anti-virus system Eastern is using this year.

Each day, students who live on campus must log into Clean Access Agent before they can use the Internet.

They type in their Eastern e-mail address and their password, and they cross their fingers, hoping that it works.

"I couldn't sign on, I kept having to download things," said freshman Ashley DiFalco.

Students said that the most inconvenient thing about it is that they have to update the system every few days.

"It gets frustrating," said Maria Torchia, a freshman psychology major. "Sometimes you have to download something every week."

Cord Hackett, who manages the housing help desk, said "Norton releases new updates for the anti-virus once a week to make sure students don't get infected with new viruses."

Microsoft also needs to be updated once a month, he said, to help with viruses as well.

Some students say they haven't had many problems with the programs.

Trevor Elam, a sophomore music education major, said he did not understand how to do it at first, but he eventually got it and it now works fine.

**"...next year it will probably be easier since everyone will be more familiar with it."**

CORD HACKETT, HOUSING HELP DESK MANAGER

Other students are still having problems with it.

"It worked for a little bit, but then a month ago it wouldn't let me log on at all," said Alison Kostelich, a freshman biology pre-med major.

Kostelich also said she gets kicked off her America Online Instant Messenger network at least three or four times a day.

"I don't understand the point," said Stephanie Fulton, a freshman accounting major.

Hackett said the system went into effect this year because "the last two years during move-in, there were a lot of viruses from student's machines that weren't protected."

"This year is probably going to be the roughest," Hackett said. "But next year will probably be easier since everyone will be more familiar with it."

Alison Spicer, a freshman, said it's gotten better, but she said she still has some problems with it every couple of weeks.

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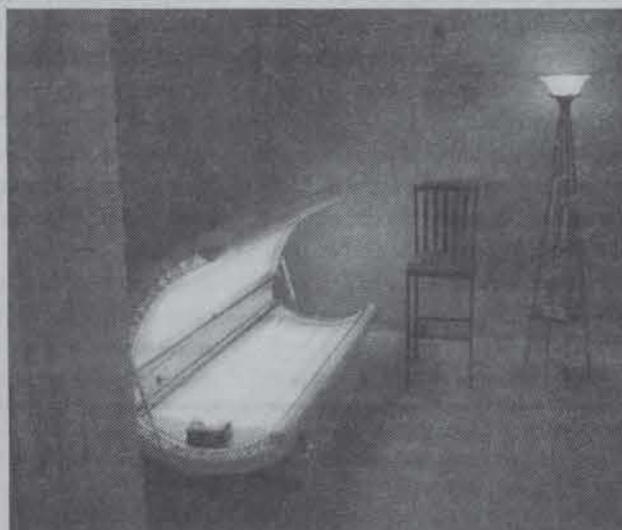
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### COMMENTARY



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SPORTS REPORTER

## MY LIFE IS FULL OF EXCUSES

There's a really good reason why this column isn't very good.

When it came to generate ideas, something came up. There was a Rocky marathon on TNT. Then, there were two-straight hours of Laguna Beach. My car got a flat tire, and my keys got locked in the car.

My classes ran long, I had the stomach flu and I suffered a rabid badger attack.

I got caught up playing solitaire, I took a very urgent phone call and I had to do some laundry.

Otherwise, it was going to be a good column — I swear.

Actually, these are just excuses for procrastination.

The art of the excuse can be traced back to early childhood, when children would find any reason to avoid something they'd dread.

This was always particularly effective with babysitters — a.k.a. people who don't know you very well.

Whether it was a later bedtime to watch a movie or putting off a bath because I can't sleep after being wet, the excuse was a valuable tool to getting my way.

Fortunately for my selfishness and unfortunately for my productivity, excuses continue to work today.

Most of the time though, I end up just fooling myself.

Ten days into November, I still find myself acting like the semester is just getting under way.

And I blame the weather.

Tuesday, the high temperature was above 70 degrees. This isn't weather conducive to studying.

Usually, the academic and climate calendars coexist harmoniously in my world. At the beginning of the school year, the weather is far too nice to spend much time or effort on school.

Choosing between playing bags and reading Camus isn't as difficult as it sounds. And after a month or so of making the wrong choice, it catches up with me.

By the time I realize it, luckily, the bags have been put away for the season. Needing something to fill my time, studying becomes a more attractive option.

If we go through a chilly September and October, it's Dean's List, here I come.

But with unseasonably warm temps still headed our way, I forecast an 80 percent chance of more procrastination.

George Costanza, maybe the most influential thinker of our day, once said, "It's not a lie if you believe it."

And for some of us, convincing ourselves is way too easy.

This prevents us from comprehending a simple truth — doing something now is easier than doing something later.

Waiting to finish a task or start one is a recipe for disaster.

Friends will call. They'll want to go out. Something will be on television. You'll need to go shopping. Then, when it comes time to actually do some work, something else seems to come up.

Even though a thermometer tells me otherwise, it's time to deal with the problems of the past today.

The hardest part, though, is getting started.

Sometimes the spark for action can come from just about anywhere — a bad hangover keeping you in on a Saturday night, boredom or nothing but Seventh Heaven on television.

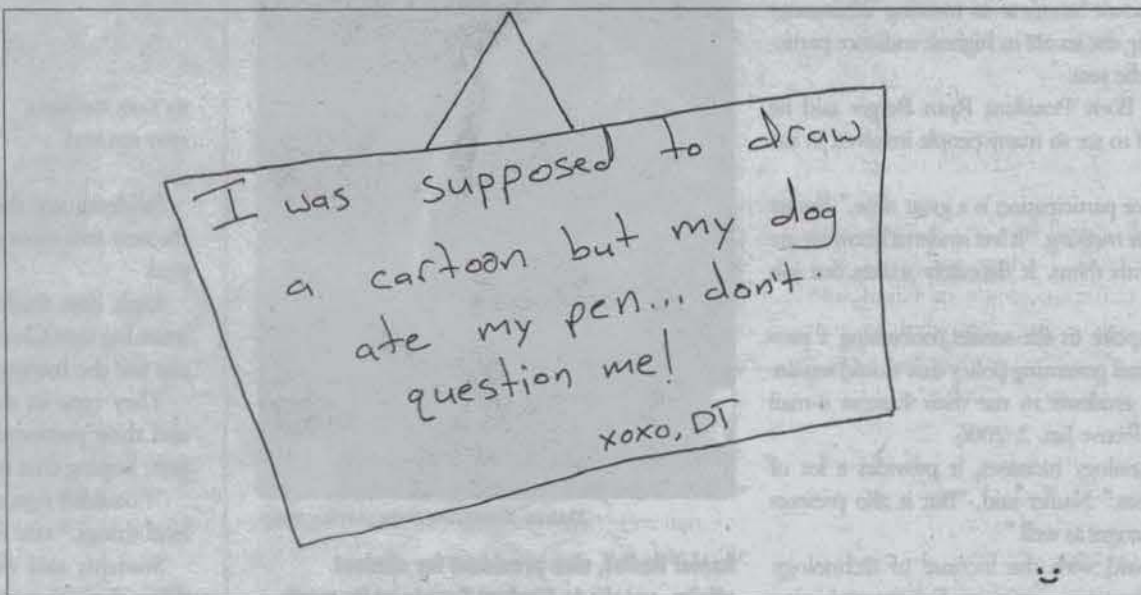
All of these things should be enough to instigate a little action.

This being said, I can't guarantee to not make any more excuses.

It's what I'm used to, and it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. There's really great television on tonight and I earned some time off.

Seriously, I tried — but like always, something came up.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



### EDITORIAL

## The thin line dealing with drugs

On Nov. 2, *The Daily Eastern News* published a story regarding cocaine use on campus. While there is no debating this drug's presence on campus, there are different ways it could be handled by the university.

Basically, it breaks down to the difference between dealing drugs like cocaine and possessing the drug. For those who are possessing or using cocaine, it should be part of the university's responsibility to provide that student with drug education counseling and help the young adult through his or her problem.

But for those who are dealing the drug on and around the campus, the university can deal with them differently. Because this practice detracts from the campus and the people living at Eastern, dealing is a much more fitting crime for expelling a student.

A letter to the editor following the story, which ran on Nov. 4, stated that some ways of dealing with drug users is "archaic" and that certain people have been expelled for "giving" (cocaine) to others.

By "giving (cocaine) to others," it can be reasonably assumed that this simply means dealing cocaine. But it is not an "archaic" process to expel those that are dealing drugs such as cocaine on campus just because it detracts so much from the campus.

Dealing drugs is a more punishable offense than just possessing

#### At issue

Cocaine use on campus and the difference between possession of cocaine and dealing the drug.

#### Our stance

Universities should help students who have drug problems because they are institutions of learning and have a responsibility to its students. But schools should draw the line at drug dealing, with which it is much more acceptable to expel students because it hurts the entire campus.

the drug, and thus is something that should be dealt with more strictly than possession. In the case of dealing, expelling students is not too dramatic of a process because it is fitting to the crime.

However, the university should do more to help those who are taking drugs like cocaine. As the author of the letter, psychology professor Keith M. Wilson, points out, any university has a responsibility to its students to educate, and this includes drug prevention education.

Part of the purpose of college life for students is to grow up and make it through problems on their own and away from their parents. But from time to time, students run into drug problems or have issues with other problems and need assistance in dealing with those problems.

This is where the university should enter into the equation, because the school can provide counselors that are specifically trained for these problems and for this age group to educate students.

Eastern, and any other university, should not give up on those who run into drug problems just based on possession. The school should provide opportunities to turn the students around and make them better.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE GOVERNMENT'S WAY OF PLAYING THE PLAME GAME

*The Daily Eastern News* Oct. 31 editorial concerning White House aide I. Lewis Libby's indictment in a Justice Department investigation seems to miss an important detail.

Libby has been indicted for false statements concerning how he learned Valerie Plame was a CIA agent (she did not work for the FBI as noted in *The DEN*).

Somewhat dismissively, *The DEN* editorial refers to Libby's alleged crime as the purveyor or high school gossip.

What the editorial glossed over was

why Plame was discussed by the White House rumor mongers. Apparently, her husband, Joseph Wilson, had been requested to evaluate the claim that Saddam Hussein had attempted to acquire partially processed uranium from Niger. Wilson publicly stated there was no proof of such a deal, and undermined an important element in the administration's WMD argument for going to war with Iraq.

A week later, in a Robert Novak column about Wilson, his wife's identity and employment status was mentioned in an attempt to undermine Wilson's credibility.

Joseph Wilson and others, consider the leakage of Plame's identity and status as a CIA operative as payback for Wilson's public statements.

The Libby indictment is a small piece of a much larger story about how America went to war with Iraq. That is the reason it is a story worth following. It is much more than a high school rumor mill that endangered the life of a CIA agent.

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# Traffic accidents down in city, state

Numbers are down in comparison to past years despite recent accidents

By BRIAN GARTLAN  
CITY REPORTER

A woman runs her car into a building; a car hits a student.

These things are all too familiar sights on Charleston streets during the past few months, but traffic accidents in Charleston appear to be decreasing compared to past years.

There were 531 traffic accidents and zero fatalities in Charleston during 2004 and 312 accidents and one fatality thus far in 2005, said Police Chief Paul Welch, of the Charleston Police Department.

There have also been 25 fewer accidents in 2005 compared to the same date in 2004.

However, there have been more fatalities.

Coles County Sheriff Darrell Cox compared statistics from the same time period of January to October, 2004 and 2005.

He patrols nearly 517 square miles, which is everything in unincorporated Coles County.



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Charleston firefighters and paramedics work to extract a person from a car at the intersection of 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue after an accident involving two cars Oct. 17. Sheriff Darrell Cox said statistic change from season to season and some of the causes can include deer and changes in the weather.

Statistics from the Illinois Department of Transportation said there have been 1,024 crashes and 1,139 fatalities, from Jan. 1 to Nov. 8, 2005.

Last year to the same date, 1,144 fatalities occurred in 1,039 crashes, which is a decrease

this year of five deaths and 16 crashes.

Cox said the top priority at an accident scene is always to assist victims for any injuries. Welch said the police make sure the traffic surrounding the scene is safe.

Accident statistics change from season to

## Charleston auto safety

- ◆ 2004 - 531 traffic accidents; zero fatalities
- ◆ 2005 - so far 312 traffic accidents; one fatality

season.

Cox said more than half of car accidents on rural roads in the autumn season involve deer. The animals increase their movement in the fall because it is mating season and a buck, a male deer, increases his territory to chase a doe, a female deer.

Deer also have limited hiding spots because the crops that existed in the summer are gone after harvest, he said.

He said a driver in the winter months must be more aware on the road.

"Accidents are weather related," Cox said, because the roads are slick. "Take your time."

Almost 50 accidents occurred in unincorporated Coles County in January 2004 alone, he said.

Cox said there is a solution to traffic accidents.

"Obey the traffic laws," he said. "Almost every traffic accident has two cars involved."

# More included in room and board rates than meets the eye

By NICOLE MILSTEAD  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Although it is not for everyone, on-campus housing gives students the benefit of having most of their housing costs in a single bill.

On-campus housing saves students from paying monthly bills and provides many benefits that are included in room and board rates.

Depending on the meal plan, room and board cost between \$5,498 and \$6,198 per year.

Room and board includes the room rent cost and meals plus water, electricity, gas and trash removal. The cost also covers over 60 cable television channels, along with an on-campus announcement channel and a movie channel.

The residence halls also provide free direct Internet access and no hook-up fees. For the first time this year, housing and dining have provided free virus protection with weekly updates.

The residence halls also have two computer labs for students to use and virus labs set up in Stevenson Hall and Taylor Hall. Virus labs are equipped to fix computers that have been

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infected with viruses free of charge to on-campus students.

Students are also provided with mail services and the resident readership program. The resident readership program delivers USA Today, the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the Chicago Tribune daily to the residence halls free of charge.

Meal plans available in the halls include both meal swipes and dining dollars. Meal swipes can be used at the Thomas, Taylor, Carman and Tower dining halls for breakfast, lunch, dinner, reservation-only dining and late night pizza. The dining centers have both dine-in and carry out meals.

Meal plans also come with Dining Dollars that can be used to buy food tax-free in the University Union food court, Java Bean coffee shop and the Panther Pantry all located in the

Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Dining dollars can also be used in the dining centers in place of meal swipes and in the convenience stores located in Carman and Thomas.

For security, each floor features a resident assistant and each hall has night assistants in the evenings. Resident assistants and hall directors are available to handle room conflict and housing concerns 24 hours a day. Resident assistants also plan programs, provide students with information and monitor hall activity by do rounds nightly.

The halls also have kitchenettes on all floors except Taylor. Taylor Halls have a kitchenette in the basement. The halls also have laundry facilities in each building. It cost \$1.25 to wash a load and it is free to dry.

Halls also pay for tutors to come to Stevenson, Taylor and Carman to help any on-campus residents in many departments of study.

Housing and Dining has also been working a complete renovation of all Hall's furniture on campus. Each year housing puts about \$1.3 million into renovations. Currently all of Carman, Taylor and Ford halls have the new stackable furniture and carpet renovations.

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# Eastern's second open house to be held Friday

By JACLYN GORSKI  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern will hold its second open house of the semester Friday. "The admissions office hosts two programs in the fall, three in the spring and one in the summer," said Brenda Major, director of admissions.

The admissions office worked around high school students' schedules in order to get as many students as possible to the fall open houses.

"Most high schools are closed on these dates, which makes it more convenient for families to visit without an interruption in the student's school schedule," Major said.

Open house attendees will be able to participate in several

events during the day to help the students in deciding whether to attend Eastern.

After a welcome celebration in Lantz Arena with a greeting from Eastern President Lou Hencken, the students will be able to learn about different aspects of the university.

"We have a morning filled with special sessions featuring our academic programs, admissions, housing, financial aid and more," Major said.

Students will also hear a presentation from the Honors College and take tours of the campus including housing and the different academic departments.

There are benefits to attending open houses.

"We'd like prospective families to experience first hand; we want them to take ownership of the campus and for the stu-

dents to visualize themselves at EIU this spring or next fall," Major said. "The most effective means of choosing a college is to visit."

Even with the added students on campus, the security on campus will not change.

"It's a normal school day," said Art Mitchell, security officer for the University Police Department.

The police department will have the same number of officers on patrol and have the officers doing the job they would do on any other day.

There is only one difference that the police department has been instructed to abide by.

"The officers are instructed not to ticket that day," Mitchell said.

## 'Obscure Object of Desire' exhibited in Coleman Hall

By KRISTINA PETERS  
STAFF REPORTER

Another classic film was shown Wednesday night as the World Cinema Film Series continues in Coleman Hall. Approximately 10 attended this week's featured film "The Obscure Object of Desire" which was shot in France in 1977.

This film was about an older man who falls in love with a younger woman. The woman lives to make him suffer, but shows no remorse.

"It has a very interesting premise," said Joe Heumann of the communication studies department.

Luis Bunue directed this film, and it was his last. "I thought it was very well done especially for his last film," said Robin Murray, an English professor.

Bunue would be considered an international director, Heumann said, because he shot films all over the world, including France and Mexico.

One of the unique things about this Bunue film is that two actresses played the part of the young woman.

"We notice the difference, but we don't know if the protagonist does," Heumann said.

No one is for certain why Bunue decided to have it done this way, but there are many interpretations.

"The two actresses make the story itself mysterious," Heumann said.

"They represented different things," Murray said.

She explained that one was more innocent than the other.

"Clearly (Bunue) intended us not to know the difference," Heumann said.

The attendees enjoyed the film as they laughed throughout it. Many of the audience members are regulars at the film series.

"I look forward to seeing the films each week," Murray said.

The film series allows people to see films they normally would not see.

"It's the only chance you get to see films like these on a fairly large screen," Heumann said.

The film itself was spoken entirely in French with English subtitles.

"I'd rather have had it dubbed than in subtitles because you miss things," Murray said.

The World Cinema Film Series has three films left this semester.

## Detroit Mayor Kilpatrick edges out challenger

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick overcame a scandal-plagued first term to fend off a challenge from a career bureaucrat, while the FBI announced an investigation into the handling of absentee ballots, including claims of ballots cast in the names of dead people.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting early Wednesday, Kilpatrick had 117,354 votes, or 53 percent, and Fremman Hendrix had 103,446 votes, or 47 percent. Early returns had shown Hendrix with a 12-point lead.

Detroit, the nation's 11th-largest city, is struggling with poverty, decades of population decline and a multimillion-dollar budget deficit that threatens to land it in financial receivership.

Hendrix, a 55-year-old former deputy mayor under Kilpatrick's predecessor, focused on the financial troubles, blaming them largely on his flashier opponent who had been dubbed the "hip-hop mayor." He called Kilpatrick about 3 a.m. to offer his



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Fremman Hendrix talks to supporters at his headquarters on election night as he challenges incumbent Kwame Kilpatrick for Detroit mayor on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, in Detroit, Michigan.

congratulations.

"Although we have lost an election, we have nothing to be ashamed of," he said later Wednesday morning.

"Detroiters just made a decision that they wanted to give Mayor Kilpatrick another chance, and I respect them for that."

## Chinese acrobatic troupe to perform at McAfee Gym today

STAFF REPORT

The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will be performing at Eastern at 8 p.m. today in McAfee Gym.

Admission is \$5 for the general public, and \$3 for Eastern facul-

ty, staff and students, senior citizens and children 12 and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the door beginning at 7 p.m.

The performers of the Golden Dragon Acrobats mix acrobatics, traditional dance, costumes and theatrical techniques.

They come from the Cangzhou, Hebei province in China, and

have performed in more than 65 countries.

The group has won seven National Association of Campus Activities Entertainer of the Year Awards.

More information is available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~pubaff/headline/2005/1107200590.php>.

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the capital and studying higher education issues six hours a day," Howell said. "It can be as simple as voting or it can be a little more, like writing a letter or making a phone call."

Student leaders and legislatures welcome the opportunity to explain to university students what they need to know about tuition increases on a government and university level so students can have educated opinions about policy matters that affect them and then express those opinions to the people who will act on them.

However, there is a catch.

"Students have to take the first step," Howell said.

Many students are apathetic, but there are some who care.

"It's something that students will not ever be able to change the situation they're in, if they do not stand up and fight for the cost of their education," Howell said.

He listed three reasons why he thinks students don't get involved with higher education.

First, students don't connect increases in tuition to themselves, he said. Students complain when tuition increases, but when the majority of students have student loans or financial aid, what's a few extra hundred dollars when they're already going to be thousands of dollars in debt when they graduate.

"They're going to turn around one day and find that they've paid tens of thousands of dollars more than they should have and that the students who come after them can't afford higher education at all," Howell said.

Second, students don't understand how becoming informed and involved about the process that raises their tuition will help stop tuition increases.

If students and their parents call their hometown legislators and ask them about issues regarding higher education, the legislators will take notice, Rose promised.

"Don't let that legislator off the hook," he said.

He recommends that when students and parents call their representatives they say, "I want to know how Eastern Illinois University's budget comes out because my daughter goes (or I go) to school there, and I will expect on April 8, the day we end session, that your office will call me and tell me how Eastern did."

Howell's final reason is that students, even if they do have the will to get involved, sometimes don't know how.

"Voting is one the most important ways that students can become involved," Howell said. Other ways include letter writing, calling legislators, supporting student government and involving parents and alumni.

"Apathy is a problem that shouldn't exist among students, yet it does," Howell said. "Those students who are apathetic will pay the most."

**"They're going to turn around one day and find that they've paid tens of thousands of dollars more than they should have..."**

ADAM HOWELL, STUDENT  
SPEAKER

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do whatever was needed.

"That answer doesn't cut it," he said.

Instead, Stevens wants to employ people who are going to bring value to their positions.

Three students represented Illinois students at the summit: Adam Howell, Eastern's student speaker and Student Advisory Committee vice chair; Danielle Gaines, Student Advisory Committee executive secretary from the University of Illinois; and Ashley Dearborn, Student Advisory Committee delegate from Moraine Valley Community College.

"If you look at students across the country, historically, university students are the most active in showing concern for issues and causes than any other demographic," Howell said. "I think that right there shows how it's not the fact that students don't care, it's the fact that the forces that they should care about are putting them down."

Jill Nilsen, Eastern's vice president for



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Republican Rep. Chapin Rose of Coles County (right) tells summit attendees students and parents are higher education's biggest assets while President of Roosevelt University Charles Middleton (left) and Democratic Sen. Michael du Valle of Chicago (center) listens.

external relations, said she was pleased with how the summit went.

"I thought today's discussion was a productive one," she said.

## Jury hears Ryan's role in death penalty reform

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — George Ryan's attorneys finally got to talk about the former governor's leading role in death penalty reform at his political corruption trial on Wednesday, but they could only skim over the subject and the judge barred them from going into any detail.

Defense attorney Dan K. Webb was not allowed to ask any questions that would tell jurors how Ryan imposed a moratorium on executions in Illinois,

pardoned four condemned men and commuted the sentences of all 167 prisoners on death row to life without parole.

U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer did let Webb ask former Ryan staff aide Rich Juliano whether Ryan took action on the death penalty, but not which action he took.

"Mr. Ryan did make policy decisions involving the administration of the death penalty?" Webb asked.

Juliano answered simply: "Yes."

It was much less than defense attorneys

had hoped for and Webb fought in vain to squeeze in a little more detail. But it did serve to remind jurors of the signature deed that Ryan supporters hope will paint him in positive terms.

Pallmeyer agreed with prosecutors that Ryan's policy decisions on the death penalty — worthy or otherwise — have no relation to the allegations in the 22-count racketeering and mail fraud indictment under which the former governor is charged along with lobbyist friend Larry Warner.

## Employees disciplined for misusing handicapped placards

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Three Illinois Department of Human Services employees were disciplined for improperly parking in spots reserved for handicapped people, officials Wednesday.

DHS spokesman Tom Green would not say what action was taken against Celena Jeffries, Amanda Howard, and Tina Flemons after WFLD-TV in Chicago discovered the three illegally parking on the street near the agency's administrative building at 401 S. Clinton St.

Green said the three were using street parking for free with handicapped placards that had been legally issued to others.

"DHS confronted them and they owned up to using the placards illegally and agreed to stop," Green said. "In at least one case, the placard belonged to a relative."

The agency coordinates a variety of services to families and individuals, including services to handicapped residents.

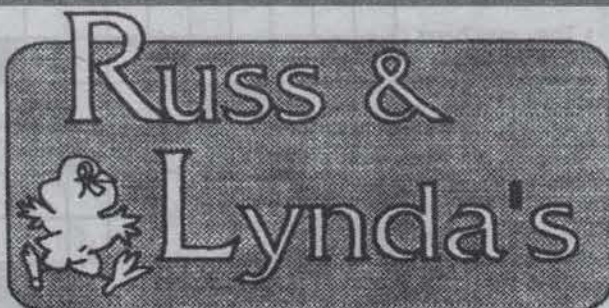
Jeffries told a WFLD reporter that the placard belonged to her mother. But the station reported that the placard had been issued to Jeffries' grandmother, who died in 2003.

A message left for a Tina Flemons at her home late Wednesday was not immediately returned. A publicly listed number for an Amanda Howard was disconnected.

In Chicago, the placards allow handicapped motorists to park on city streets without having to put money in parking meters. Green said most employees in the Clinton Street building pay monthly fees to use nearby parking garages.

Green would not elaborate on the reprimand of the three, saying only, "it was discussed with them and they were disciplined."

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Edited by Will Shortz

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### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ cherry  
5 Zoot suit feature  
10 "Pardon"  
14 Spray target, perhaps  
15 Spanish for "poplar"  
16 \_\_\_ avis  
17 With 25-, 45- and 58-Across, some advice by 36-Across  
20 Nets with floats  
21 Emir's land  
22 Sixth-century year  
24 Singer Coolidge  
25 See 17-Across  
32 Pizarro's conquest  
33 Something bad to be caught in

34 August

- 35 A cat, but rarely a rat  
36 See 17-Across  
38 Prefix with puncture  
39 1974 top 10 hit with Spanish lyrics  
42 Necessity for some, in order to go to the movies  
45 See 17-Across  
49 Enraptured  
50 Elia Kazan's autobiography  
53 Fraternity character  
54 Supplement  
58 See 17-Across  
61 "Far out, man!"  
62 Sole saver

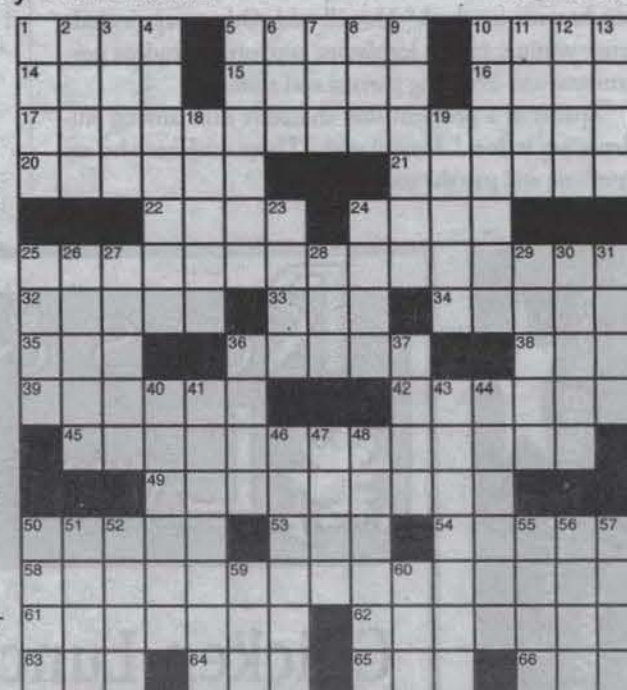
- 63 Nod's significance  
64 Steaming  
65 "Ain't \_\_\_ Sweet?"  
66 Card game with forfeits

### DOWN

- 1 They may hang by the neck  
2 Shelved  
3 "\_\_\_ get it!"  
4 One of the Munsters  
5 Tommy Rettig's co-star in 1950's TV  
6 H.S. subject  
7 Kung \_\_\_ chicken  
8 Ambulance staffer, for short  
9 Take a peek  
10 Decorative pottery and such  
11 "Aren't we the comedian?"  
12 "... \_\_\_ saw Elba"  
13 K follower  
18 Blasts out  
19 On the perimeter  
23 Ferry destination, possibly  
24 One who's sorry  
25 Appurtenance for Santa

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

REHAB TOTS TOAD  
AVILA RIOT ENDO  
MATEY ANTI NEMO  
CLOCK OF CHAIR  
BTU ERE FAULTS  
AENEAS SPENT  
CALL FOR CONE FRI  
KRIS AOL ORAN  
SST CARTOFCLOVE  
BONET RADNER  
SATURN CUP TNT  
CROCK OF CAGES  
RINK YEAR CURIE  
ISEE ETAL OMITTS  
PERT DENY DODOS



Puzzle by Sam Bellotto Jr.

- 26 Month "The Motorcycle Diaries" begins  
27 Four pairs  
28 Balsam  
29 Playing marble  
30 Half of a 1980's TV team  
31 Drag through the mud  
36 Small knot  
37 Where ships go  
40 Mine passages  
41 Verizon, for one  
43 "Quite possibly"
- 44 Lead character in a Mario Puzo novel  
46 Loosened (up)  
47 "\_\_\_ hollers, let \_\_\_"  
48 Hardly go-getters  
50 On the road  
51 E. S. \_\_\_ old game company famous for Yahtzee and Bingo  
52 Chemical suffixes  
55 Twofold
- 56 Wynken, Blynken and Nod, e.g.  
57 Capital NW of Drammen  
59 Medical suffix  
60 "That feels good!"



# Young Illini players look to next season

BY DEREK BARICHELLO  
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

CHAMPAIGN – Illinois’ last two games of the season might as well be the first two games of next season. The Illini will travel to Purdue this Saturday and finish their season at home against Northwestern on Nov. 19. Head coach Ron Zook said the team met on Monday to make new team goals for the remaining games. Because the Illini are the youngest team in the nation, returning all but two starters from a year ago, a victory against either Purdue or Northwestern will not do much in the Big Ten standings, but could give the team a boost heading into next year. “A win would definitely build that confidence level,” safety Kevin Mitchell said. “A win against any good conference team would bring it back.”

A win is especially important because the team does not have many positive results to show, losing each Big Ten game by lopsided scores; 61-14, 35-7, 36-13, 63-10, 41-24 and 40-2.

“It’s hard to see the improvement since we continue to go against good football teams,” Zook said. “I have to look at how far we’ve come since the day I got here.”

The Illini have played three consecutive ranked opponents and will meet two formerly ranked opponents to finish the season.

Zook understands with the strength of the schedule, results might not come.

“We just have to draw enthusiasm from knowing we are doing the right things,” Zook said. “It is not happening as fast as I want it, or the fans want it, but there are two things you can’t buy. You can’t buy experience, and you can’t buy time.”

But with no results to lead them in the right direction, Mitchell said the players have depended on the coaching staff to keep them positive.

“They’ve been through this all before, and we buy into what they are saying,” Mitchell said.

# Sen. Bayh: President Bush putting ‘dark cloud’ over Title IX

BY CHRISTOPHER BARRETT  
THE GOOD FIVE CENT CIGAR (U. RHODE ISLAND)

KINGSTON, R.I. – The so-called “father” of Title IX said Tuesday at the University of Rhode Island Honors Colloquium that funding decisions and new federal guidelines are putting a “dark cloud” over women’s opportunities.

“You need to understand there is a dark cloud on the horizon for women, especially participation for women in sports,” former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh II said. “There are steps being taken right now under the guise of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings to try and lower the bar of compliance.”

In 1972, Bayh introduced the now-called Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act that requires schools receiving federal money to offer equal opportunities to both genders.

The former Democratic senator from Indiana said the law has had a “profound” impact on involving more women in sports. But he warned a March 2005 U.S. Department of Education clarification is flawed. The clarification allows schools to use e-mail surveys to determine if they are meeting the law.

“They’re not even reliable and the real sleeper in this so-called clarification in sending out the e-mail. And in determining what the results are, you can determine those who do not reply are uninterested,” he said. “That will guarantee, or (is) going to preordain, that the interest is not there.”

He urged audience members to write Spellings and their representatives.

“Please let them know you’re concerned and want them to tell the secretary to get off the dime, retract that clarification and get back to equality,” Bayh said to applause from the audience.

He added later, “I do not know why (Spellings) introduced the clarification. She’s a very bright lady, but she’s very wrong on this one.”

## MEN’S BASKETBALL

# Panthers sign pair of forwards

## Recruiting total now at three

BY MATTHEW STEVENS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern’s new men’s basketball head coach Mike Miller said during his first press conference at Eastern that he would bring recruits from all over to Lantz Arena.

He delivered on his promise Wednesday.

The Panthers signed forwards Justin Brock and Bobby Jolliff for the 2006-07 season.

The 6-foot-8 Brock, a Liberty native, led his high school to fourth place in the 2005 IHSA Class A state tournament.

“Justin has the best big man skills I’ve seen in quite awhile,” said his Liberty High School head coach Jeff Kasparie. “He’s 6-8 but also has the skills of a guard because he can go outside and hit the jumper. He also has great hands...he’ll catch passes that you

wouldn’t think could be handled.”

According to Rivals.com, Brock chose the Panthers over Northern Illinois and Valparaiso. He was named Class A Fourth Team All-State by both the Chicago Sun-Times and Illinois Prep Hoops, Special Mention All-State by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and to the Class A All-Tournament team.

“We believe Justin’s best days are ahead of him. He really came on last year and finished strong for a team that had a lot of success,” Miller said.

He averaged 17.1 points, 12.2 rebounds and 4 blocks in his junior season. In the state tournament semifinal game, Brock had 27 points, 10 rebounds and two blocked shots.

“He had several outstanding games where he was the best rebounder so as he physically matures we think he will be a difference maker for us,” Miller said.

Jolliff was rated by Scout.com as the fifth best power forward in Indiana coming out of the class of 2006.

He was named to the 2005 Indiana

Junior All-Star team after leading Hauser High School to the state semifinals in Class 1A. He averaged 15.3 ppg and 8.2 rebounds as a junior, and has been a double figure scorer all three years. The 6-foot-8 forward was Hoosier Basketball magazine All-State as a junior and Honorable Mention All-State as a sophomore.

“Bobby is a very versatile big man. At 6-8 he not only is exceptional in the middle but can step out and shoot off the move,” Hauser High School head coach Bob Nobbe said.

This adds to Miller’s 2006 recruiting as The Daily Eastern News reported on October 5, the solid verbal commitment from 6-foot-2, 205-pound guard Kijuan Leach from Chicago Leo High School.

In his sophomore season at Leo, Leach helped the Class A Lions win their first state title. In Leach’s case, coaches are prohibited from discussing recruits until they sign a National Letter of Intent. The early signing period began Thursday and ends Nov. 16.

## NOTRE DAME

# Irish football moves to No. 11 in BCS

BY MIKE GILLOON  
THE OBSERVER (NOTRE DAME)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Notre Dame moved up three spots in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) rankings this week, from No. 14 to No. 11, after its 41-21 win over Tennessee Saturday. That three-spot jump could equal approximately \$15 million in gains for the University.

Under the current arrangement Notre Dame has with the BCS, the Irish need to win nine games and finish the season in the BCS top-12 to be eligible for a berth in a BCS bowl – this season, the Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Rose bowls.

Notre Dame is guaranteed a BCS berth if it has nine wins and finishes in the BCS top six.

If selected, the Irish will receive approximately \$15 million in a payout normally reserved for a major conference team. Notre Dame is considered a partner in the BCS

## “Both the coaching staff and the players are not ignorant about the ramifications of each game.”

CHARLIE WEIS, NOTRE DAME COACH

along with the six major conferences and, therefore, is eligible for the same benefits.

But before the Irish can cash in, they still have some work to do.

Navy is the first of three games remaining on the squad’s schedule. Notre Dame kicks off with the Midshipmen at 1 p.m. Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish then will have one more home game Nov. 19 against Syracuse before traveling to Stanford for a Nov. 26 matchup.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis believes his team cannot look past its opponents, despite being aware of what winning the remainder of its regular season games would mean.

“Both the coaching staff and the players are not ignorant about the ramifications

of each game,” Weis said at his Sunday press conference. “But the only way you build up your stock as a team is by winning week by week, and as long as you look at it that way, each week is a means to an end.”

This will be the final year of the current BCS arrangement. The BCS will add a fifth bowl to the rotation next season, and Notre Dame will earn \$4.5 million for a berth instead of \$15 million.

But a stipulation of that arrangement also will award Notre Dame \$1.3 million each season, regardless of whether it plays in a BCS bowl. If the Irish play in a non-BCS bowl game in any given season, they still will receive the full payout for that game in addition to the \$1.3 million.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Regular season looming, Panthers have one game to settle playing time

## Games easier than practice, Miller says

By MATTHEW STEVENS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

As the Panthers prepare for their second preseason game, they are indifferent to the opponent entering Lantz Arena.

What new Eastern new head coach Mike Miller is attempting to do in the final tune up before his team starts its regular season next week at Xavier is evaluate personnel in a game-like atmosphere.

"I think we can simulate game-type situations in practice, and I think starting spots along with playing time will be earned there," Miller said. "I would hope they think games are easier than our practices."

In a 48-hour period, Miller will go from bartender to Division I basketball coach—a position he says he feels much more comfortable in—as he and the rest of the staff spent an evening working at Marty's in a charity event.

"It was a great experience, trust me," Miller said. "It was wonderful to see that many people working together for a great cause."

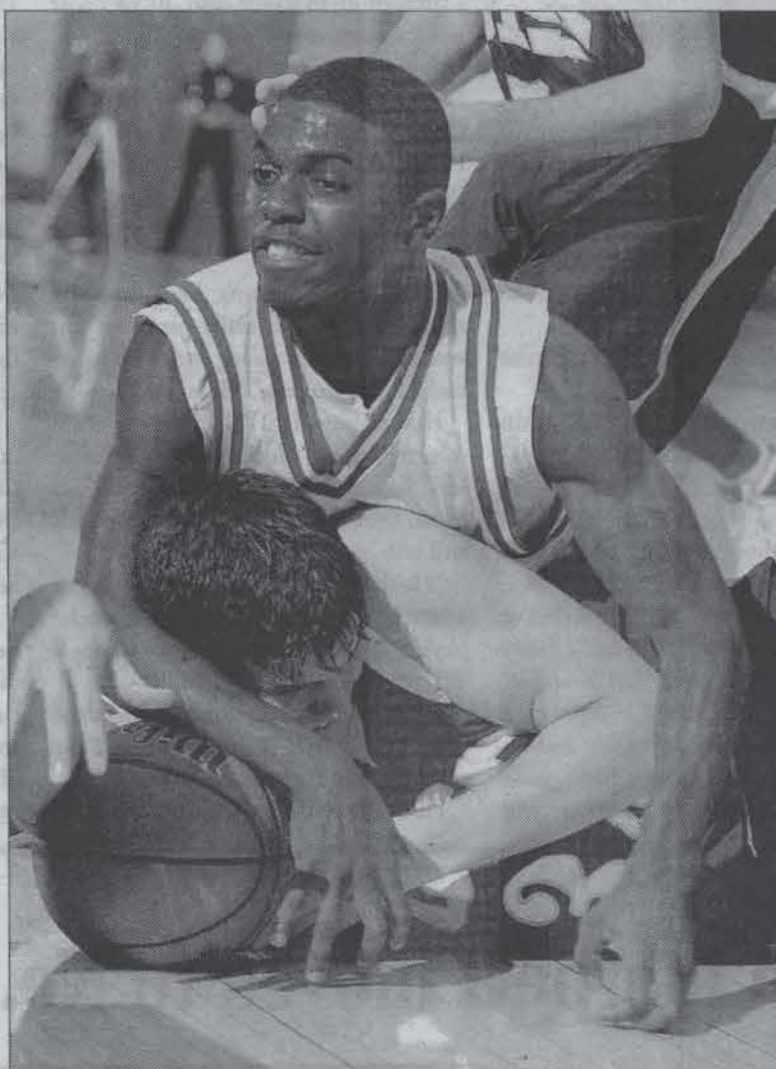
Miller has put Eastern players in disadvantaged positions when practicing its offense during specific drills.

"We have gone 5-on-6 or 3-on-4 because we want our players to be able to work harder for quality shots," Miller said. "This makes the game seem a little more open when it's 5-on-5."

Eastern's fans got their first look at the team last Thursday when freshman point guard Mike Robinson, a Hales Franciscan product, was impressive in his college debut with 18 points and 7 assists.

"I think it's a continual process with him," Miller said. "What we tell him along with everybody else is the goal is to get better every practice of every day."

Eastern won its season-opening



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Freshman guard Mike Robinson made his collegiate debut last week, scoring 18 points and dishing out 7 assists in an 85-61 exhibition victory.**

### EIU vs. Olivet Nazarene

- ◆ Time: 7:35 p.m.
- ◆ Date: Today
- ◆ Place: Lantz Arena

exhibition 85-61 over NAIA Illinois-Springfield, but Miller and the coaching staff are looking for more execution at the defensive end.

"Consistency is what we're looking for in this game," Miller said. "That's all we're talking about in practice...to get our level of play up for the entire 40 minutes."

"We want to have fewer breakdowns...mental or physical. We also

want to improve our defense in the paint."

The last time Olivet Nazarene stepped foot in Lantz Arena was the 1987-88 season when the Panthers won 88-60. The Tigers made it to the NAIA Final Four in 2000 and are returning three starters from a team that went 20-12 last season.

Miller says the Tigers will present different challenges to this young team that is trying to effectively prepare for its first 10 games, seven of which will be on the road.

"We have to be prepared for that first game at Xavier and it may be the toughest opening 10-game stretch in Eastern history," Miller said.

Tip off is set for 7:35 tonight.

### SANTANA:

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That question will get answered this Friday night when Jacksonville State comes into Lantz.

The team has struggled lately and much of that could be because of their travel schedule. Although every team in the conference has to deal with travel, the Panthers seem to be two completely different teams on the road and at home.

At home, they are 9-1 and haven't lost since their season-opening match. On the road, they are 5-5 and struggle against the better teams in the conference.

With the OVC tournament being held at Lantz Arena on Nov. 18-20, it is imperative that the Panthers show that they can still beat these tough teams at home and that their recent losses are just because of the weary travel schedule.

### Home, Sweet Home

**9-1** **5-5**

Home Record | Away Record

They will be able to sleep in their own beds when the tournament is here and that could be an advantage they could use to send them to their first NCAA tournament since 2001.

They managed to beat Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri at home in early October. But this team has to return to that form. This would be the right time of the season.

Marco Santana is a sophomore journalism major. If you would like to discuss his hatred of Road Trip and Tom Green, e-mail him at cumas36@eiu.edu.

### CROSS COUNTRY:

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"It's always helpful having a little knowledge about how to run it," Wiczorek said. But it's a simple course to follow for those who haven't, he added.

For many, this will be the longest race of the entire season, 10,000 meters for the men and 6,000 meters for the women, so pacing is important, Wiczorek said.

The competition will be "an indicator of who's fit and who's not," Sparks said.

After a full season, going into the colder months, runners can get sick or feel sore coming into the race.

"The biggest part is being healthy, and that's one of the challenges," said Bradley head coach David Beauchem.

"(University of Iowa is) not quite at 100 percent, but maybe nobody is at this time of the year," Wiczorek said.

Eastern's men's team clinched the OVC this year, even with last year's top runner, junior Dave Carlson, coming off a season with mononucleosis and not running at 100 percent, according to Masanet.

The big question for Eastern's women's team, who finished second in the OVC this season, will be

whether or not Mallory Fellers will compete in the race.

Masanet said the sophomore pulled a hamstring last week.

SIU has a few women who won't be competing because of illness and injuries, according to Sparks, but he doesn't see that hurting their chances to finish in the top 10, as both the men's and women's teams finished third in the Missouri Valley Conference this year.

Eastern's success this season has come mostly from packing, or running in a group, but runners also need to concentrate on their own race, Masanet said.

"Their focus has got to be on themselves," he said.

"(You) can't get wrapped up in trying to beat this person, (or) you end up running someone else's race."

Sparks encourages runners to put themselves in the race and to get ahead early on.

The men's race will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the women at 12:15 p.m.

The top two teams will automatically qualify for the championships, and at-large teams will be announced the next day based on their seasonal records.

"I think we could have as many as five teams make it from our region," Wiczorek said.

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# THE KILL

2002  
**171**

(30 matches)

2003  
**226**

(32 matches)

by year

2004  
**379**

(31 matches)

2005  
**282**

(22 matches)

By JOE WAITASTI  
STAFF REPORTER

One aspect of the consistent Eastern volleyball team is the good balance of gifted underclassmen and experienced seniors.

Senior middle hitter Megan Kennedy is one of those leaders.

Kennedy has been an especially consistent performer for the Panthers for her entire career.

She started out by being named a member of the Ohio Valley Conference All-Freshman team in 2002 and breaking the Eastern freshman blocks record with 101.

She would then be named to the OVC All-Tournament team and second team All-OVC in 2004.

Kennedy was named to the preseason All-OVC first team this season.

Kennedy, a 6-foot-1 middle hitter from LaGrange, played the first three years of her career under head coach Brenda Winkeler, who moved on to coach at Southern Illinois this year.

Lori Bennett took over the Panthers and she knew she had a solid player in Kennedy before she arrived at Eastern.

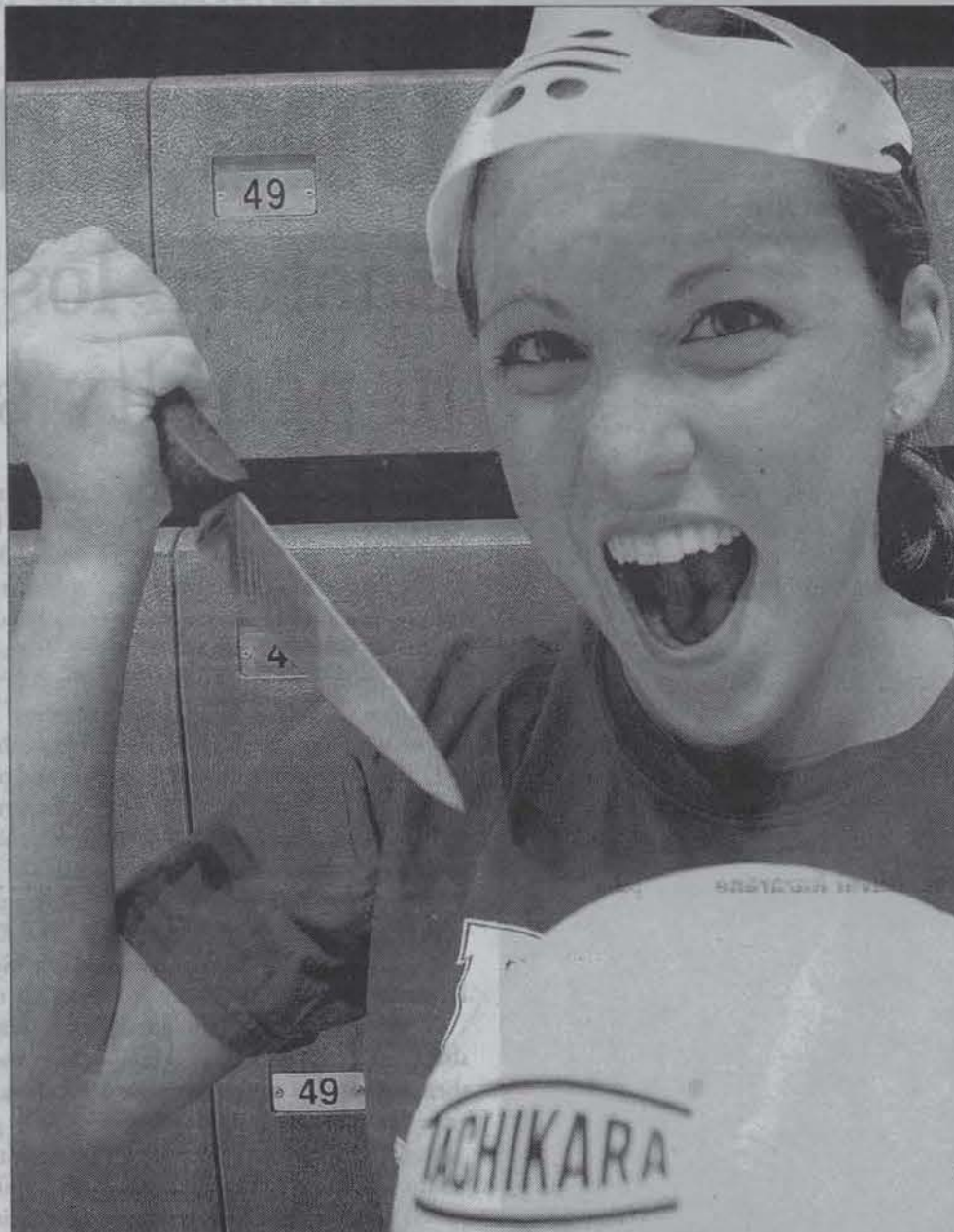
"She is a very talented athlete," said Bennett. "She knows and understands when to step up and lead our team. We put a lot of responsibility on her shoulders this season."

Kennedy has responded by leading the Panthers in kills and blocks with 282 and 68, respectively. Her coach says she does more for the Panthers than just put up solid numbers.

"She is sensitive to the needs of her teammates and that has been as much of a reason for her success as kills and blocks," Bennett said.

Fellow senior Heather Redenbo agrees that Megan has been a great asset for the Panthers.

"She has been really stable, playing in



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Megan Kennedy slashes through opposing defenses with her powerful spikes. Seen here with a goalie mask and a knife, Eastern's next game is Friday. Scary? Nope. It's Friday, Nov. 11.

every game of her career," she said. "She stepped up as a freshman and really helped

me with my confidence as a player. Her leadership skills have developed over the

## Career Stats

Year	Games	Kills	Errors	Att.	%
2005	22	282	85	622	.317
2004	31	379	121	801	.322
2003	32	226	114	557	.201
2002	30	171	101	483	.145

**"She knows and understands when to step up and lead our team."**

LORI BENNETT, HEAD COACH

years and she always looks to help the team."

The leadership and play of all the Eastern seniors has been strong this season. Kennedy and Jessica Ackerman lead the team in kills and Heather Redenbo and Aja Kohlbecker lead the team in digs.

Kohlbecker and Redenbo have anchored an Eastern defense that leads the nation in digs, averaging 19.94 per game. For these two to lead the nation's best defense is a huge accomplishment.

"Aja and Heather both came into Eastern not having much experience playing defense as they were both setters, but they have really caught on," said Kennedy.


"Heather has transformed since being a freshman. She was unsure of herself but now she is really confident and she is a great competitor, she always comes to win."

Eastern will try to finish strong this season and get ready for the OVC tournament that will take place in Lantz Arena. They still have to face Jacksonville State and Samford before the tournament starts on Nov. 18.

The Panthers will be doing everything in their ability to end this season and the careers of the seniors on a high note.

"You get used to seeing the same faces everyday. I will miss my teammates, my friends," said Kennedy.

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# SPORTS

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. OLIVET NAZARENE</b>	7:35 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SWIMMING VS. WESTERN ILLINOIS</b>	6 p.m.
	<b>VOLLEYBALL VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE</b>	7 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>X-COUNTRY AT NCAA REGION V CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	10:30 a.m.
	<b>FOOTBALL VS. TENNESSEE TECH</b>	1:30 p.m.
	<b>VOLLEYBALL VS. SAMFORD</b>	6 p.m.

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**"Whenever you end a game with penalty kicks, it is a lottery."**  
— Adam Howarth, head coach

### MEN'S SOCCER

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

## One and done

### Eastern loses to Vandy in penalty shootout, 4-3

By PATRICK VITT  
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers lost their opening round conference tournament game to Vanderbilt in penalty kicks after four scoreless periods.

Eastern (5-9-2, 2-4-1) took a 0-0 tie with Vanderbilt (9-6-1, 4-2-1) into overtime and after two overtime periods the outcome of the game was going to be determined by penalty kicks.

"Whenever you end a game with penalty kicks, it is a lottery," said Eastern head coach Adam Howarth.

"I thought we were in good shape after our first two kicks then we sailed a couple over the cross bar."

Eastern had the early lead after senior captain Jimmy Klatter scored on Eastern's first penalty kick and a freshman goalkeeper Mark Hansen made a sprawling save.

The Panthers had the lead in penalty kicks 2-0 after sophomore midfielder Brad Earl netted the Panthers second penalty kick. Hansen couldn't stop the next two penalty kicks and sophomore defender Mick Galeski sailed his shot wide left.

The 2-0 lead was not main-

tained and Vanderbilt was able to tie the best of five-penalty kick period 3-3 after Hansen was not able to maintain the solid effort he exhibited all game.

"It was Hansen's first shutout in the MVC which was impressive coming in the tournament," said Howarth. "He definitely stepped up and played like a senior today."

Eastern was in a position to win the penalty kicks but their last attempt was blocked sending the game into sudden death.

The Commodores first sudden death kick was a score and that was all they needed when freshman midfielder Adam Gartner's shot was missed, ending the Panthers post season.

This game was the last for three-year captain Jimmy Klatter who finishes his Panther career ranked in the school's top 10 in goals scored.

"Besides winning the whole thing, I would not have wanted to go out a better way," Klatter said.

"Knowing I can walk off the field and know these guys played as hard as they could for what ended up being my last game, makes this a great end to my career."

Vanderbilt will play No. 2 seeded Creighton on Friday.

#### Eastern's Record Last 6 Years

**2000**

12-6-1

**2001**

6-10-0

**2002**

8-11-1

**2003**

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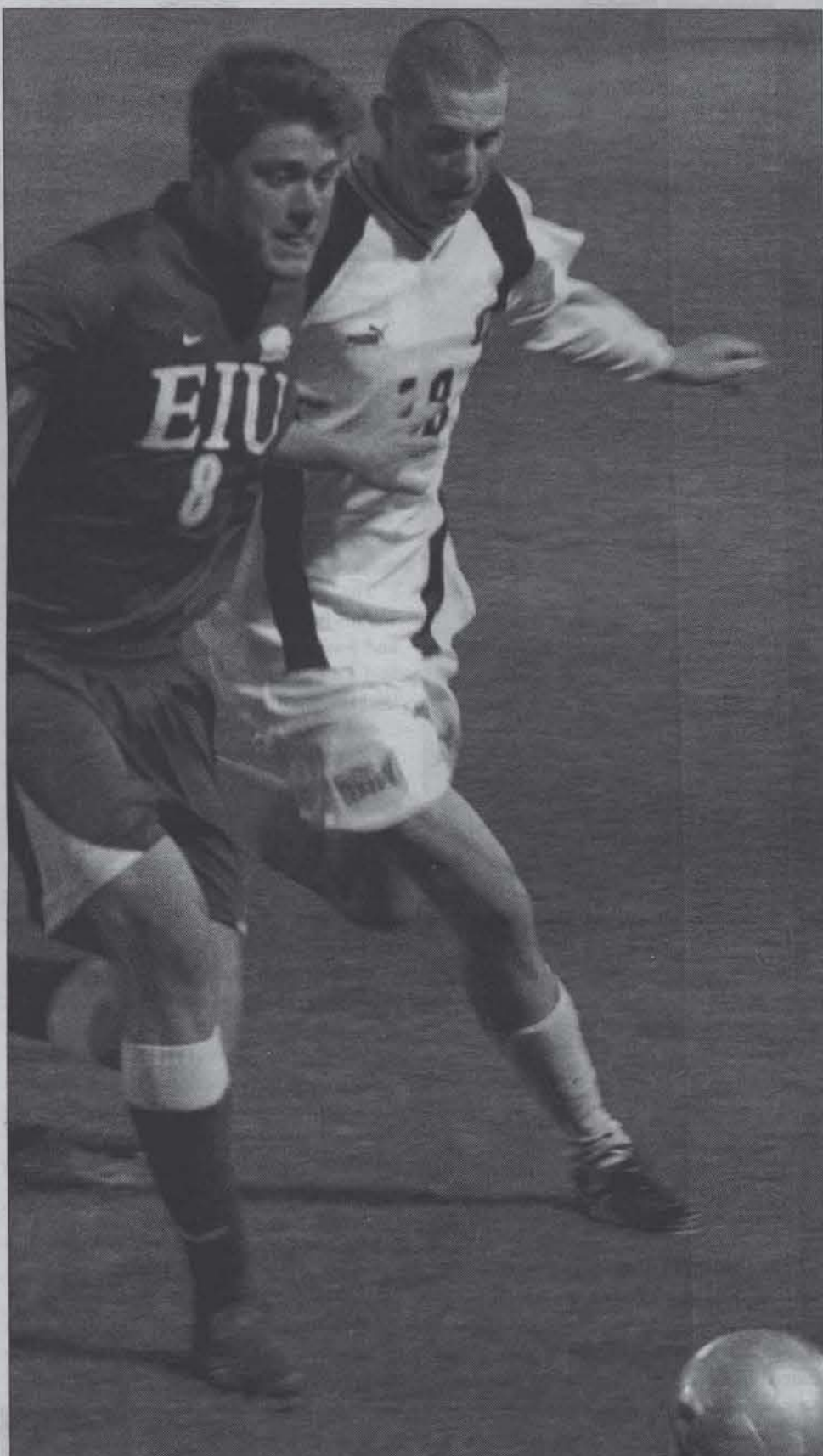
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Sophomore midfielder Brad Earl fights off Vanderbilt freshman defender Ben Hemkens during the second half of Wednesday evening's game at Shea Stadium at Bradley University in Peoria.

## CROSS COUNTRY : NO. 1 MIDWEST REGIONALS

## As season ends, cross country teams run until they cannot run anymore

That could be Saturday, if their times don't qualify for nationals

By LAURA GRIFFITH  
VERGE EDITOR

After completing their seasons on top of the Ohio Valley Conference, factors like experience, focus and overall fitness will determine how Eastern's men's and women's cross country teams will do at Saturday's NCAA Midwest Regional Championships.

Head coach Geoff Masanet is aiming for the men to finish in the top 10 and the women to finish in the top 15. "We hope to beat the teams that happen to be in our conference and

the other state schools," he said.

Southern Illinois is also looking forward to competition between the Illinois directional schools, said SIU head coach Matt Sparks.

On Saturday, the Panthers and the Salukis will be among 31 teams from around the region to race on the University of Iowa's Ashton Cross Country Course to qualify for the NCAA championships.

Among these teams are the top-five in the Midwest region, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma State University, Kansas and Iowa State,

according to United States Cross Country Coaches Association.

Eastern has an advantage, having had experience on the course previous to this competition.

"A lot of other teams haven't run it before," Masanet said.

Ashton, a three-year old course, is described as having rolling hills and wide loops, a mildly difficult course, said University of Iowa's head coach Larry Wiczorek. The course hosted the Big Ten Championships last year.

## Panthers' recent slump: home sickness or worse?

The Panthers volleyball team has just two regular season matches remaining, and it is still difficult to gauge how good they are.

At the beginning of the conference season, they were dominant. They started the season 9-0 and looked like a team that was on a mission to repeat as conference tournament champions.

Lately, they have been losing games to teams that have clinched a tournament spot.

They went 2-3 on their recent road trip with losses to Southeast Missouri, Jacksonville State and Tennessee State.

The 9-0 start was finished in convincing fashion at Jacksonville State on Oct. 22 as the Gamecocks swept Eastern in Jacksonville, Ala.



### OFF THE BENCH

MARCO SANTANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern then defeated Austin Peay, one of the worst teams in the conference. Back-to-back losses, one at SEMO, who swept them, and one at TSU, who took them out in four, put the season back into perspective.

The problem is that all of these losses were on the road. Are the Panthers just not effective on the road or is it an indication that the rest of the tournament teams may be better than them?





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## Campus offers variety of living options

By RICH LAKEBERG | STAFF REPORTER

**E**astern is knee deep in another school year. Spring classes are filling up and students may feel like they're just settling down, but Housing and Dining is already starting to think about living space for next year. Though Eastern is a smaller school on the state level, there is much variety in on-campus housing.

As Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining, said about housing at Eastern, when someone approaches him and asks "Where is the best place to live?" he doesn't quite them the answer they probably expect.

Hudson said there is no "best" place to live; students create their "best" place by looking at whatever suits a particular person's needs. The different variables available in student housing makes each student's experience unique.

Housing on campus is quite varied, not only with location, but also with general setup of the residence hall, what is available to the residents of the hall and the age of the building, which makes the experience different for everyone.

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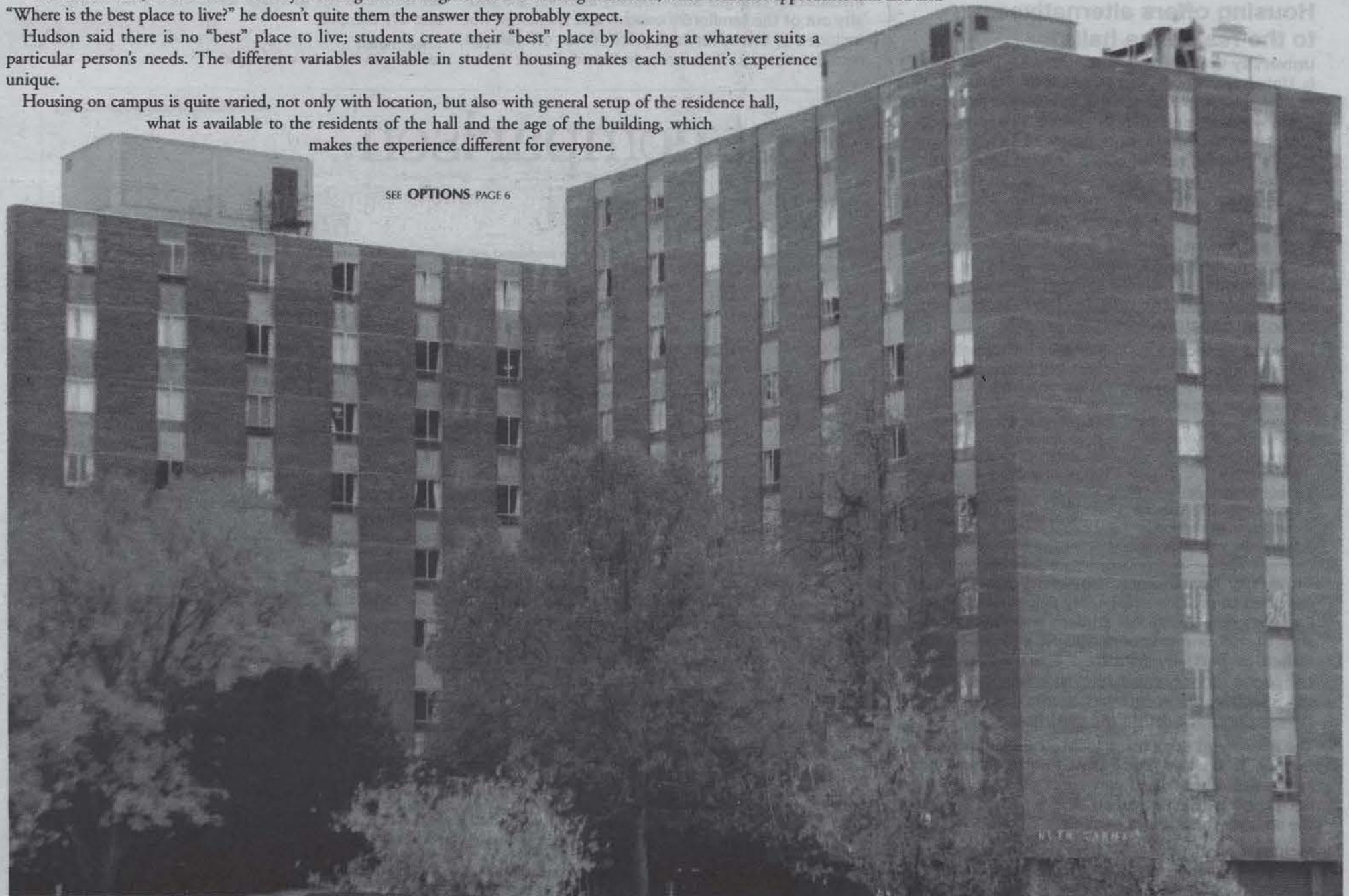


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### Up in smoke

More residence halls are asking to go smoke-free, but they have to follow a process to change policy.

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### Got a problem?

Student feedback is one factor that helps determine what foods are offered in each dining hall.

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Offering delivery in a college town proves to be worthwhile and interesting for local businesses.

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# Student input drives changes to university housing options

## College housing - designed for college students . . .

This rather basic idea guides the management of the university's on-campus housing options.

The services, costs, location and number of housing options available on campus are all based on the needs of Eastern's ever-changing student population. Input provided by hall governments, the Residence Hall Association, dining center comment cards and surveys have all had an impact on what on-campus housing provides for on-campus students.

It is the students who decide what's played on the Campus-Movie Channel, who provide the input for policy changes and help shape what on-campus housing provides and will continue to provide for years to come.



Based on the input on-campus students have reported, University Housing & Dining Services offers a number of services designed to minimize the stress of everyday life. It also allow residents to focus their time and attention on more important pursuits, namely their academic careers and personal lives.

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- on-campus security
- on-site laundry facilities
- direct Internet connections and computer labs
- flexible meal plans
- academic tutors and study areas
- academic year contract with no hidden costs
- flexible living arrangements
- convenient locations
- local telephone service
- furnished residences
- helpful staff
- ease of access to university events
- and the bond of a community of peers

## Deadline for Spring semester meal plan changes announced

Decreases to student meal plans must be done in writing by Jan. 13 for the spring semester. Request must include: (1) desired meal plan, (2) student's name (printed), (3) student's signature, (4) and the last 4 digits of student's Social Security Number. You may add additional Dining Dollars and increase meal plans at any time. For more information, call University Housing & Dining Services at (217) 581-5111.

## Housing offers alternatives to the residence halls

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Each apartment contains one or two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/dining area and a living room with or without a balcony. Some of the apartments also include a pantry, walk-in closet, second half-bathroom or hallway closet for storage.

### Included Services

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- cable tv service
- local telephone service
- campus mail service
- academic year contract

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The apartment complex is located near a day care facility, is on the Charleston Public School bus route, has a basketball half-court plus playground equipment within its grounds and is tucked away in the southeast corner of campus

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## Getting the most bang for your buck

On-campus living provides a number of advantages in comparison to living off campus. These include location, community, a long list of services, and, most notably, independence from tedious chores and monthly or unexpected charges.

A common misconception in comparing the residence halls and Greek Court to living off campus is not recognizing all of the hidden costs associated with an off-campus apartment or house. Installation charges and monthly utilities are usually out of the landlord's control and therefore not included in the advertised price for an off-campus rental property. Residence hall and Greek Court

students don't have to worry about paying these hidden costs, because they're already included in the room and board contract.

More often than not the total cost of living in the residence halls/Greek Court is less expensive than living off campus. But don't take my word for it. If you are planning on looking at off-campus housing, use the cost comparison worksheet below and do the math for yourself. The worksheet contains an itemized list of costs associated with living on and off campus.

Chad Franks,  
Marketing & Promotions Specialist

[www.eiu.edu/~housing/cost\\_05.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/~housing/cost_05.pdf)

## cost comparison worksheet

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This worksheet contains an itemized list of costs associated with living on and off campus. It was made for both your student's and/or your personal use. Pay special attention to the following points before using the worksheet.

- Be honest with yourself when it comes to the cost of food. If you find yourself "adjusting" the monthly food allowance in order to achieve a lower total, you may be setting yourself up for a future budgeting nightmare. A nightmare in which you're forced to choose between a healthy diet or paying your electric bill, or having a social life or taking care of those unexpected events (i.e., attending a friends wedding; paying a plumber; etc.) that tend to pop up from time to time.
- Call the local utility providers about mandatory monthly service charges and hook-up or connection fees.
- Ask the owner of the property to give you the average cost of monthly utilities. If he/she is unable to do so, ask the current residents what their lowest and highest utility bills were for each utility. If you divide the sum of the least and most expensive bills by two for each individual utility, you should be able to get a rough estimate of the average monthly utility costs.

economic costs	residence halls & greek court	alternate option one	alternate option two
MONTHLY COST			
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local phone service	included in total cost	x10= x12=	x10= x12=
ONE-TIME COST			
water hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
electricity hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
gas hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
direct internet connection hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
cable hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
phone hook-up fee	included in total cost		
ONE-TIME COST			
security deposit	\$50 (\$25 refundable)		
OPTIONAL COST			
activity fee	\$20	not applicable	not applicable
total cost	5 plus plan: *\$5,498 per year 10 plus plan: *\$5,742 per year 12 plus plan: *\$5,958 per year 15 plus plan: *\$6,198 per year	ten month lease = twelve month lease = Don't forget to include food costs.	ten month lease = twelve month lease = Don't forget to include food costs.

\*Rates based on 2005-2006 double room academic year contract. University policy does not permit monthly rent. All residence hall residents currently have their one-time security deposit on file, therefore it is not included in the total cost. The activity fee is optional, therefore it is not included in the total cost.

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Room & board contracts will be available in early February for current residence hall and Greek Court students.



# Clearing the air

*Students follow policy to try and change residence halls' smoking rules*

BY CHRIS ESSIG  
STAFF REPORTER

Those wishing to return to the top floors of Andrews or Weller Hall next year may have some adapting to do.

The halls' smoking floors, the eighth and ninth in Andrews and the top two floors in Weller, are under review and could potentially be changed to non-smoking by the Fall 2006 semester.

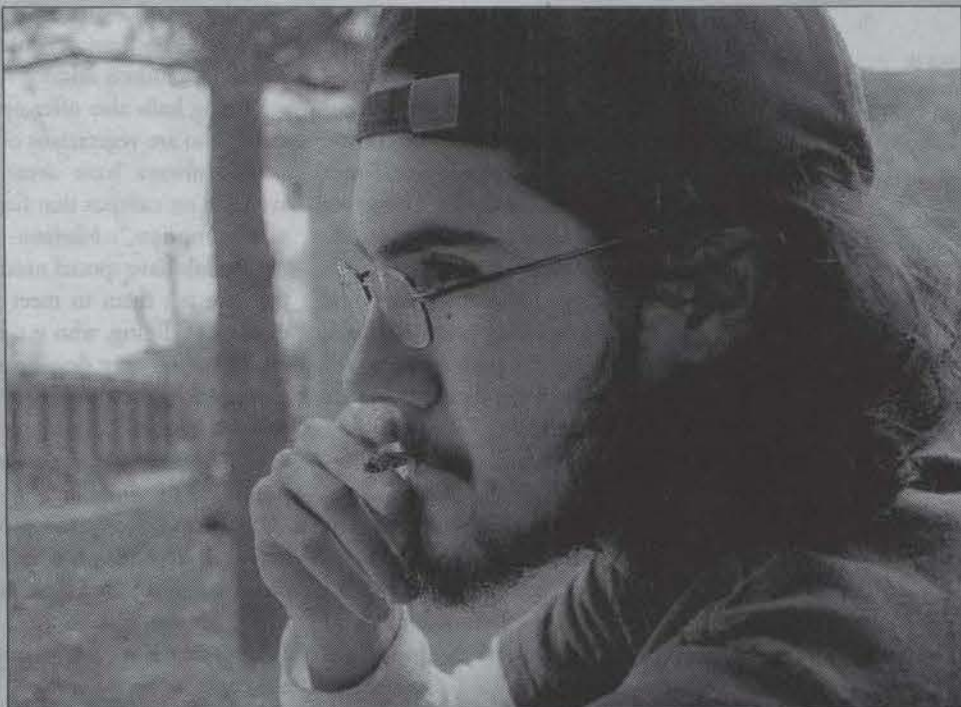
The proposal to remove the smoking floors in Andrews is on its way to Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, as it was just passed by the Resident Hall Association last Thursday, 34-3, said RHA President Elizabeth Gergits.

Before the proposal went to the RHA to be voted on, the Andrews Hall Council passed it.

Suggestions about certain policy changes can be brought to a hall council from nearly anyone including one sole student, Hudson said.

While this process is the norm, it is not necessarily concrete. The RHA can actually make recommendations to the University Hall and Dining Services and bypass the hall council. This is rare though, as the hall's councils usually have a legitimate reason for not passing the proposal, Hudson said.

If the policy passes with ease at every level, it usually passes into official law faster.



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**James Kolacek, a sophomore mathematics major with teacher certification, smokes a cigarette outside Ford Hall Monday. The proposal to forbid smoking in Andrews and Weller halls has been approved by the Residence Hall Association and may go into effect in Fall 2006.**

"How completely the RHA looks at the issue determines how quickly it is changed," Hudson said.

Usually the process takes a few weeks, and if

Hudson decides to officially change the policy, it could go into effect as soon as next year, he said.

Weller Hall, which has two smoking floors,

one for males and one for females, may be taking the same initiative sometime soon. On Oct. 18, the Weller Hall Council voted on and passed a proposal to get rid of the smoking floors. It will be sent to the RHA this Thursday, said Erin Virgin, the hall's president.

"Some of the people got stuck on the second floor, even though they don't smoke, and it was recently renovated," Virgin said. "We can't do other renovations like the walls and the carpet when it is a smoking floor."

Thomas Hall, the only other residence hall with smoking floors, is different.

The hall's council voted on the topic a couple weeks ago and it wasn't passed. The next time they will have an opportunity to vote on it will be next year.

"The (people in the) hall felt that it was their right to smoke and they should be allowed," said Thomas Hall President Lance Ellington. "Those who smoke don't want to walk outside, as it is getting cold."

While Thomas Hall will still have its smoking floors next year, Eastern becoming a completely smoke-free campus in the near future is not a long shot.

"Eastern is the only state university in Illinois with smoking floors," said Leah Pietraszewski, programming and diversity coordinator for RHA. "We're trying to weave the smoking floors out altogether. Why not take the initiative now?"

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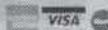
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## CHEW ON THIS

*How do you feel about food choices at Eastern?*



"A few more options would be nice to have; everything is the same. They could change chicken and meatloaf."

**FAVORITE DINING HALL:**  
Stevenson

**HEATHER FILICE**, SENIOR SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR



"It would be nice if (the pizza line at Thomas Hall) was faster. It's hard to stand in line for 20 minutes, then eat it in five."

**FAVORITE DINING HALL:**  
Thomas

**LYDIA THOMASON**, FRESHMAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR



"I'm overall happy with what they offer."

**FAVORITE DINING HALL:**  
Thomas

**MEGAN SHEWAN**, JUNIOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR

- Compiled by Crystal Reed

## Student opinion shapes hall menus

Resident input, campus conferences determine meals

BY CRYSTAL REED  
STAFF REPORTER

Dining halls — some people like them and some people hate them, but often the last thing students think about is what work goes into them.

There are seven options available for students to eat at on campus: Taylor, Thomas, Lawson, Andrews, Tower East and West and the University Union Food Court. Their menus are shaped by student comments.

"Menus are developed over the summer by looking over feedback cards from the previous year, as well as any data available from surveys we do with residents," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services. The director and associate director work with individuals in charge of each dining center to actually choose what meals are served.

They also attend conferences and explore what other campuses are doing, as well as hold food shows with their food vendor during the

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MARK HUDSON, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND DINING

school year where students are asked to give feedback on new options and products, Hudson said.

Dining halls also offer options for those who are vegetarians or vegans.

"We always have some options available on campus that fits the vegetarian option," Hudson said. "If individuals have special needs beyond that, we ask them to meet with our director of dining, who is a registered dietician, and they develop a strategy to make sure their needs are met."

As with any dining service or option available there's always the possibility of complaints.

"We handle complaints individually, so it depends on what the complaint is," said Jody Horn, director of university dining.

She said that the department takes the complaints seriously.

"We don't ignore them, but it

depends on what the issue is as to how it is handled," she said.

Horn said how quickly complaints are handled also depends on the issue.

One of the halls rumored to have many complaints is Carman Hall because this semester they went from serving a regular menu to Mexican.

"Carman has not received a lot of complaints," Horn said. "Carman does not feed a large amount of people compared to our other dining centers, and this is a question we often ask the groups we speak with."

Horn said they are always seeking ways to make Carman more popular, but students tend to like other locations that are closer to their classes.

"We have already added back 'regular' menu items to the Carman menu and kept some of the new ones, and their counts have not increased at all so far," Horn said.

## Dining program boasts variety

BY JESS KINSELLA  
STAFF REPORTER

Students can make their own omelets.

Make their own pizza.

Make their own pasta bowl.

Eastern's dining program has changed over the years and now offers a larger variety, said Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining.

In the past, the only option students had was to eat in the residence hall in which they lived. Now students can eat anywhere, including the Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Horn said.

Students, 70 full-time employees and several extra workers serve some of the more popular items to students, including chicken strips, deli sandwiches, grilled cheese, pizza and pasta.

Nearly 4,000 students have meal plans and have the opportunity to see

**"Our goal is to get people to make their own decisions about the foods they eat. It's about how you put the foods together."**

DIANE FEESLEY, REGISTERED DIETITIAN

the changes made every year, Horn said.

One of the newest editions to the dining program is the Panini Grill and Pasta Bar located in Thomas Hall, Horn said.

However, many options are available now for students to choose where to eat.

Lauren Ruth, a freshman elementary education major, and her friends enjoy eating at Stevenson because of the variety, she said.

"Taylor is always serving chicken," said Ruth's friend Kelsey Pranger, a freshman biological sciences major. "It's like Baskin Robbins except with 31 flavors of chicken."

Eastern is not the only campus that offers variety.

Diane Feesley, a registered dietician at Illinois State University, said their strongest point is variety and flexibility.

Nearly 7,000 Illinois State students are on meal plans and can eat in five different locations, Feesley said.

With hours ranging from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 9 p.m., Illinois State students can choose between a Boston Market-style rotisserie, Pepe's Mexican cuisine or some Ben and Jerry's ice cream for a snack, Feesley said.

One thing both Eastern and Illinois State campuses have in common is a Chik-Fil-A.

Some students criticize the campus



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for serving less nutritional things such as pizza, said Feesley.

"Our goal is to get people to make their own decisions about the foods they eat," Feesley said. "It's about how you put the foods together."

Any meal has potential to be healthy as long as it is balanced in terms of nutrients, Horn said.

Valerie Starkweather, a senior biology major, said she eats at the Union often, but hates waiting in line for the one

place she finds healthiest, Subway.

"We try to look at what students want," Ruby said.

University of Illinois serves 3 million meals a year in its seven dining halls, Ruby said.

One of the most popular nights for dinner is Wednesday, which is known as "Fat Don's," Ruby said.

At University of Illinois, students have a choice between steak, burgers and ribs, Ruby said.

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# No 'dorms' at Eastern

## 'Dormitory,' residence hall meanings vary

By DAVID THILL  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

To Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, the word "dormitory" is an outdated term. Eastern students who live on campus reside in residence halls, not dormitories, and to Hudson, there is a difference between the two.

"We use the term (residence hall) somewhat symbolically," Hudson said.

Hudson said when university housing began at Eastern, it used the term "in loco parentis" to define its purpose. The Latin term means "in lieu of parents," Hudson said.

"For example, in female halls, students had to be checked in by 10 (p.m.), or else they would get a 'point,'" Hudson said. "It was a very

parental type of approach."

Hudson explained that if students at the time did anything against the rules of the residence halls, they would receive 'points,' and after a certain number of points were attained the student would receive a punishment similar to being grounded; they would not be allowed outside their residence hall.

In the 1960s, though, Eastern changed the student development model, Hudson said.

"Students could then come and go as they pleased," he said. "It wasn't that the university didn't care, it was just putting more responsibility on the students."

The point of a residence hall as opposed to a dormitory is to try to get students to have an investment in the hall in which they live, Hudson said.

The existence of the Residence Hall Association and hall councils, governing bodies led by officials elected by hall residents, help to make residence halls more like a community, said RHA President Elizabeth Gergits.

"It shows we care what (students) think about buildings and what they have to say," Gergits said.

Gergits said the events hosted by residence hall

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MARK HUDSON,  
DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND DINING

councils add to the sense of community and help students form friendships during the first year of transition from home life, a transition Gergits said can be very difficult to make.

"I like to think it's those first couple of socials and events where students make a couple of friends," she said.

Hudson also said residence halls



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Heather Janik, a junior special education major, and Tiffany Grice, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, prove to judges they can fit in their fort during the fort-building contest last February in Andrews Hall.

can help students make the transition.

"It provides the opportunity to be away from home but still have that structure," Hudson said.

For instance, the way residence halls are set up, there is restricted access to each floor; only students with keys to their floors can get to them. So, the events hosted allow students the chance to meet members of the same residence hall who

may live on a different floor, Gergits said.

"For a lot of people, living in the residence halls is the epitome of 'college life' for the first year," she said.

Gergits also said that, while she had the chance to move off campus this year as a sophomore, she opted to stay on campus to continue to lead other students as president of RHA.

"It's like I have 400 roommates," she said.

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Hudson said Eastern's size makes it a great residential campus, a tighter community that makes it an "ideal place to live."

Hudson used to be a student at Eastern; he was a resident assistant for three years.

He said the most important reason students should live on campus is because "living on campus affords students to make the maximum connection to the institution - you can create relationships and build bonds (and) work together."

Hudson said he believes every residence hall offers the same leadership and friendship opportunities.

Pemberton Hall, an all-female residence hall built in 1908, was named after a senator who was influential in building the hall. It is a historical landmark, but there is no 24-hour visitation. Carman and Andrews halls also do not have 24-hour visitation.

Generally, Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas halls lean more toward, but are not limited to, sports-oriented students because of its close location to the Student Recreation Center, which is just west of the three buildings.

Douglas is an all-male, air-conditioned residence hall built in 1950.

There are plans in the works for Douglas to be renovated. Lincoln, which is a mirror image of Douglas, is all female.

Claudia Arteaga, a 20-year-old nursing major and a resident of Lincoln Hall, said when she first looked at residence halls, she liked the fact that it has 24-hour visitation, air conditioning and that the rooms were a little bigger than those in other resi-

dence halls.

One of the better things about Lincoln, she said, is that the hall is "quiet but active." According to Arteaga, there's a perfect balance of privacy and activity in Lincoln.

Location was another factor. The fact that it's right there, right next to the main buildings on campus, makes it convenient, she said. She said she doesn't find herself traveling elsewhere to eat, although she said the meal options around her are a little disappointing.

Stevenson, the tallest building on campus, is an upper-classmen, co-ed residence hall.

The rooms are suite-style living, which include two-person, four-person and six-person rooms.

Josh Warren, a senior engineering major, said he chose Stevenson because of the suites. He also liked the location, and his old friend, Joshua Anderson, chose to room with him, along with two other suitemates.

"I can have my own room and still have suitemates," Warren said.

One thing he's not so happy about is the room is smaller than what he had last year, he said. It's nice to have a personal bathroom, he said, but they have to clean it themselves.

The Triad includes McKinney, Weller, and Ford halls. They are the residence halls directly west of Booth Library, and they are all co-ed halls.

Mark Hansen, a freshman accounting major and soccer player said he likes Weller because, "it's not as crowded as the other dorms."

Thomas, Taylor, Andrews and Lawson halls encircle the South Quad. Thomas is an all-male dorm that offers Thomas Dining Hall, which has been popular this year because of the meal

options, like late-night pizza, which is available until 1 a.m.

The north tower of Thomas, as well as all of Taylor, has remodeled rooms with stackable furniture.

Taylor is co-ed, alternating between males and females on every other floor.

Andrews and Lawson halls are all-female residence halls and are also mirror images of each other in design.

Hannah Morgenroth, a freshman elementary education major, is a resident of Lawson Hall.

"When I was checking out all the dorms, I liked the 24-hour visitation," she said.

She also wanted her residence hall to house only females. She likes the atmosphere in Lawson.

Carman Hall is the primary freshmen residence hall. Carman has a north tower, which is all female, and a south tower, which is all male.

The Carman Hall Dining Center is home to Jump Asian Cuisine and the newly added Amigo's Mexican.

University Court and University Apartments are available as other housing options.

The environment tends to attract small families, international students and graduate students, but it's open to all students above freshman status.

University Court is comprised of mainly single-student apartments. Residents are mostly juniors and seniors, but there are two buildings allowed for sophomores, Hudson said.

Hudson's final word on housing was that a lot of students just do not realize all the options available to them.

"Students don't think about all the options available," he said. "You can meet up with classmates; the community is what makes the halls a special place to live."

## Residence halls help non-Eastern residents

BY MICHAEL PETERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Residence halls, other than housing and feeding students, have been doing their best to also help the community.

"(Fundraising and giving to charities) shows that we have an active participation in the local community," said Blake Boldt, student president of McKinney Hall. "It gives (students) a good name while we are helping people in our community."

One of the most popular fundraising activities the residence halls put on is the "Pie your RA" (resident assistant) or "Pie Your Exec Board" event. The fundraiser is done to make money for Lee National Denim Day, the largest single-day fundraiser for breast cancer.

"We always do something for National Lee Denim Day," said Sarah Einhorn, president of Taylor Hall.

Einhorn explained that a resident assistant or member of the executive board went around raising as much money as they possibly can; for every \$10 a member makes they get one pie in the face.

When Taylor residents were finished with the game, they came "very close" to their goal, which was \$400, Einhorn said.

Boldt also said that for National Lee Denim Day, the hall held a Halo 2 tournament Tuesday in the lobby of McKinney Hall. The entry fee

was \$2, and all the proceeds went to charity, Boldt said.

The winner of the Halo 2 tournament will win a \$15 Wal-Mart gift certificate, and second place will win a \$5 gift certificate.

Carman Hall is hosting a Turkey Bowling event to raise money for families in Charleston who cannot afford to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Antoinette Doss, president of Carman Hall, explained how Turkey Bowling works.

Students will duct tape frozen turkeys and use them as bowling balls to knock down pins in the Carman Hall basement.

For most of these events, students are required to buy Student Activity Cards. The cards are \$20 and are used basically the same way in every residence hall.

"You can make back more than \$20 if you take advantage of (the card)," said Erin Virgin, president of Weller Hall.

By purchasing activity cards, students are able to borrow movies, board games, pool and ping-pong equipment and kitchen utilities, among other things at the front desk of most halls.

Virgin also said Weller Hall offers "exam snacks" during finals week.

Any student can participate in a residence hall activity, but if they do not buy an activity card, they will not be eligible to win the prizes available, Virgin said.

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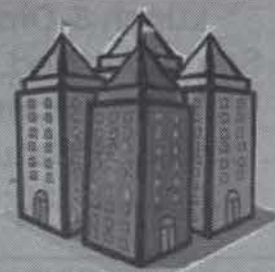
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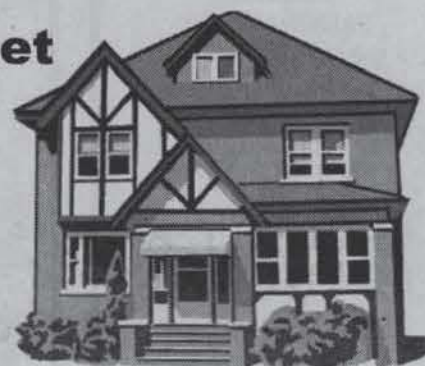
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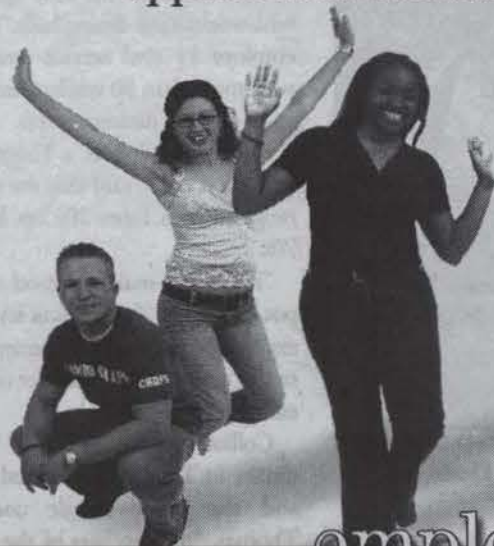


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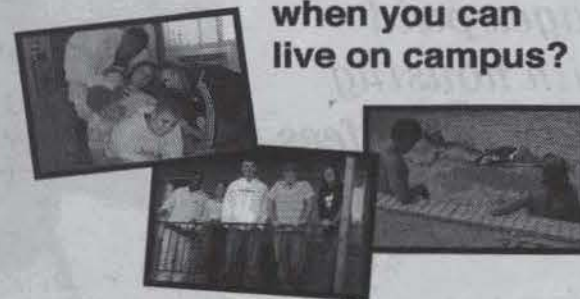
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Josh Verdeye, a senior biological sciences major, drives down Lincoln Avenue after delivering a pizza. Many students claim they order more delivered food while at school than when they are home.

## Combining convenience with food

Local businesses, students benefit from delivery service

By TOM HOCHBAUM  
STAFF REPORTER

Too lazy to go out? Missing mom's dinner? Sick of the food at the dining centers? Just bust out that phone book and be ready to pay for some delicious delivery.

As expensive as it may be for college students, this is the logic used by many Eastern students.

Most of these students find themselves ordering food much more often than they would at home.

Steve Buehler, a freshman undecided major, said he frequently orders food.

"There are no home-cooked meals, so food delivery is easier, especially when the dining

centers are closed," Buehler said.

Jessie Vieu, a sophomore elementary education major, said she rarely orders food at home, but she has been doing it regularly here.

"Ordering out is just easier, especially for someone lazy like me," she said.

Many of the delivery restaurants in Charleston make a large portion of their sales through delivery.

Around half the sales is from delivering food to students, said Jerry Dole, manager of Jimmy John's.

Delivery decreases sharply in the summer months when many students are at home.

Dole said weekends are by far the busiest time of the week, with a bulk of sales coming

late at night.

"On Friday and Saturday nights from around 1 to 2 a.m., we tend to get a lot of foot traffic and people coming in to order," Dole said. "But from 2 to 3 a.m., most of the people are already home and choose to order delivery."

Not every student can afford to order out regularly.

Some choose to stock up on cheaper groceries to satisfy their hunger.

Sean Lahvic, a freshman pre-pharmacy major, said he is one student who buys groceries instead of ordering delivery.

"I don't have enough money to order food," Lahvic said. "I just buy a 12-pack of Ramen for \$1.19."

## Student dining extends off-campus

By KYLE MAYHUGH  
NEWS EDITOR

The signs that usually advertise specials give a different message in the days before a new semester begins at Eastern.

"Welcome EIU students" and similar messages take the place of prices and offerings from restaurants.

When Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, took over for a term as president of the local Chamber of Commerce in 2003, she said that local businesses are aware of the connection between Eastern and the community's economic health.

"We recognize how important students are in supporting Charleston and the business community," Nilsen told *The DEN* after her appointment.

Charleston's population was listed as 21,039 in the 2000 census, but Eastern students make up about half of that number.

It is estimated that the Eastern community, including the faculty who generally live in or near the city, spends about \$120 million each year in the city.

Although Eastern students have on-campus dining options, the many restaurants near and around campus testify to their patronage of off-campus selections.

Even though Charleston's business district is many blocks away, Lincoln Avenue has become the de facto center of Charleston commerce. Eight of the 13 restaurants listed in the Charleston phone book are on Lincoln Avenue, most of them within walking distance of Eastern.

Filling the empty spots on that street became one of the priorities during last spring's mayoral and city council elections.

The location of the previous Hardee's restaurant has been sold to the owner of Jimmy John's, with rumors that he plans to build a restaurant complex there, including several fast food possibilities.

## Students pay students for service

*Employee wages paid with housing and dining fees*

By SARAH WHITNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Suzy Krahn loves working in Thomas Hall's dining center.

The freshman geology major is one of 93 students the Thomas Dining Center employs. More than 400 students work in the campus dining centers throughout campus.

The money Eastern uses to pay student worker wages comes from the students' housing and dining costs, said Jody Horn, director of dining.

Like the majority of the workers, Krahn's paycheck represents a few hours of work per week at minimum wage.

Krahn pays her tuition using student loans that she has to pay back, a scholarship and her monthly paycheck.

"Right now it's all going into the bank because I have to pay for next



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Dominique Perkins, a sophomore education major, serves food in Taylor Dining Hall along side Heather Kinato, a sophomore art major.

semester," she said about how she spends her earnings.

In addition to working at Thomas, Krahn also works at the Newman Catholic Center and is a full-time student. She balances her time by not

getting sleep and not having a television, but she said her secret to success is having a good work ethic.

"If I didn't have any work ethic, I would be swamped with everything," she said.

Aside from the monthly paycheck, working at the dining halls does have its perks. Workers are given a free meal they can eat half an hour before or after their shift. Housing and dining also lets students move in a few days

earlier than students not employed in the dining centers.

"One of my favorite things about working in dining service is that they let me move in early," she said. "(It) is awesome because I get to meet the girls on my floor earlier, my RA (resident assistant), I get to meet the people here earlier."

Students aren't the only age group who work in the dining halls. Thomas employs 11 civil service employees, with more than 50 workers employed in all campus dining centers.

Mary Joan Collins, a Thomas dining center cook, said that the workers range in ages from 20s up into the 70s.

"I think it makes a good melting pot," she said. "And I think it's a good experience for the kids because they can be around people of a lot of different ages."

Collins prepares the salad bar for dinner in Thomas. She called herself and the other female cooks in Thomas, "the mothers of the dining halls."

"We really care about what we serve to the kids," she said. "You know we empathize with them. We have our kids who are grown up ... we want the students to have the best."